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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CAR PRESIDENT EXPELS THREE UN TECHNICIANS

1. EMBASSY LEARNED MARCH 19 THAT PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS JUST ORDERED ALL THREE UN TECHNICIANS ASSIGNED TO UNDP/CAR CENSUS PROJECT TO LEAVE CAR WITHIN 24 HOURS ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE. THOSE INVOLVED ARE CHIEF OF PROJECT LEDJRI OF TUNISIA; MIMH OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND A HAITIAN. ALL SEVEN CENTRAL AFRICAN PROJECT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED, AND CENSUS HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. FOLLOWING EXPULSION ORDER, UN TECHNICIANS AND CENTRAL AFRICAN PERSONNEL WERE ESCORTED FROM COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ROOM AT GUNPOINT ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION. THREE FRENCH NATIONALS INVOLVED WITH CENSUS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CAR FOLLOWING INTERVENTION BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR. AS THERE IS NO PLANE SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE FROM CAR TODAY, TECHNICIANS WILL ACTUALLY LEAVE ON MARCH 20.

2. ESPIONAGE ACCUSATION REPORTEDLY CENTERS AROUND NATURE OF QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN CENSUS WHICH AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN ARE STANDARD CENSUS QUESTIONS. ACCORDING TO NATIONALIST CHINESE AMBASSADOR RUMORS MAKING ROUNDS IN SOME  
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GOCAR CIRCLES HERE THAT USG (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED) IS BEHIND THE

SORT OF ALLEGED ESPIONAGE QUESTIONS CENSUS TAKERS ARE USING.

3. BOKASSA'S ACTION FOLLOWED HASTILY-ARRANGED MEETING MARCH 18 CONVOKED BY MINISTER OF PLAN, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND STATISTIC MOKODOPO IN BROADCAST REPEATED AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVALS THROUGHOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 16 RECALLING ALL CENSUS PERSONNEL TO BANGUI FOR URGENT MEETING. BOKASSA'S EJECTION OF UN TECHNICIANS REPORTEDLY TOOK MOKODOPO OFF GUARD, AND RUMOR IS THAT HE HAS LOCKED HIMSELF IN HIS HOUSE IN ATTEMPT TO AVOID BEING TAKEN TO PRISON.

4. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ESPIONAGE CHARGES OR INTENDED EXPULSION DURING CALL UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE GAMIL HAMDY MADE ON BOKASSA MARCH 18 TO INFORM HIM OF HIS PENDING TRANSFER FROM CAR TO NEW YORK IN JULY.  
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